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PREFACE

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Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training areas or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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MILITARY TRAINING AREA
(44-45E 039-13E)
SARATOVSKAYA, KRASNODARSKI KRAY, USSR
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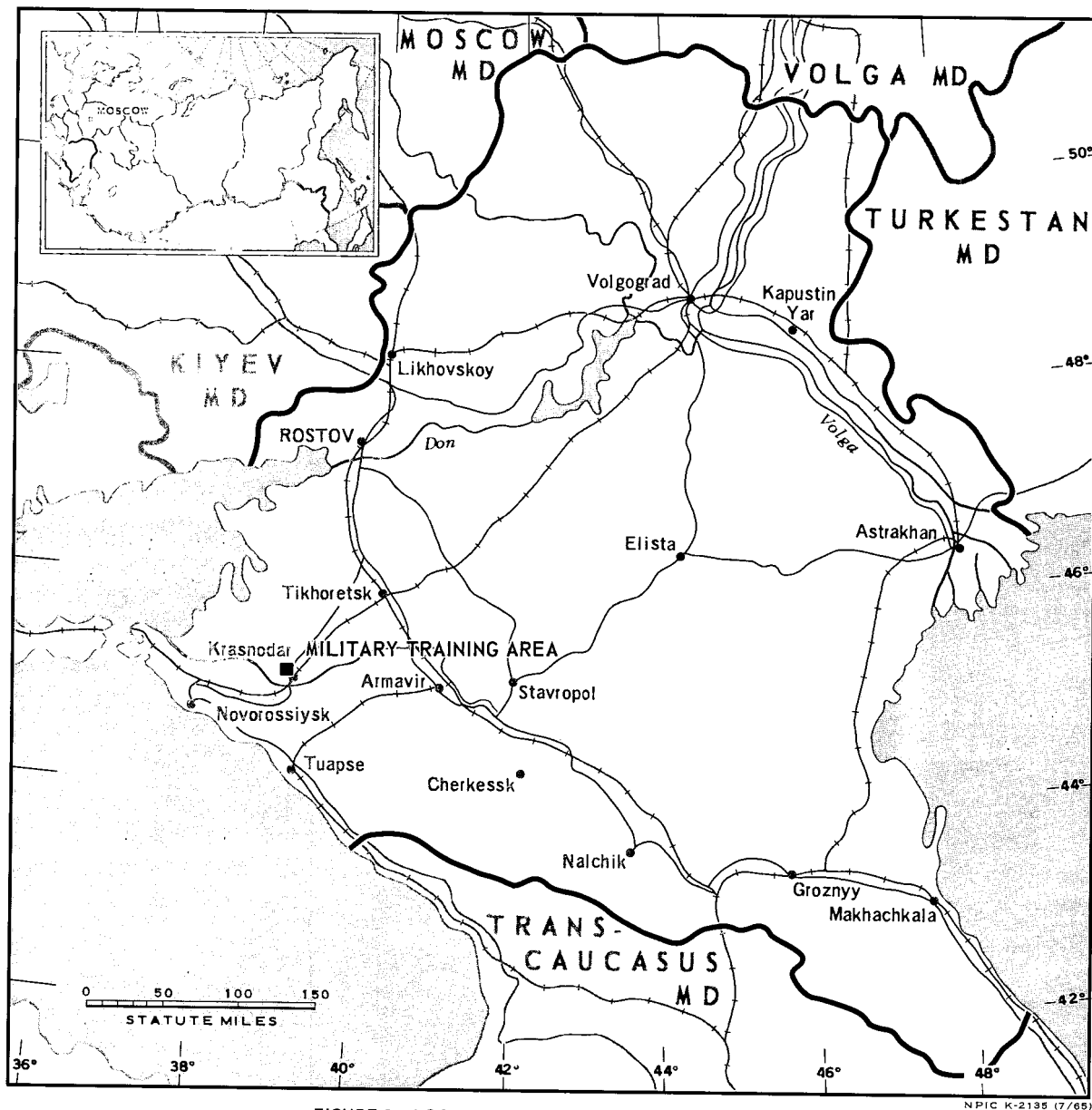


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF MILITARY TRAINING AREA.

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FIGURE 2. MILITARY TRAINING AREA, SARATOVSKAYA, USSR, [REDACTED]

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SUMMARY

25X1D A large military training area is located adjacent to the northwest edge of Saratovskaya and extends northward 12.8 kilometers (km) (Figure 1). The training area is also approximately 32 km southeast of Krasnodar and probably serves as a field training area for units in that sector. The training area covers approximately 48 sq km and consists of a tent cantonment area, a tank firing range and support area, a driver-training course, and various other ranges and maneuver areas (Figure 2). (The exact limits of the training area, particularly in the west, are poorly defined.)

25X1D [REDACTED] KEYHOLE missions from [REDACTED] were reviewed. Comparative analysis shows a marked decrease in activity during the winter months. [REDACTED] a period of snow cover, the only track activity discernible was in the tank firing range. The cantonment area appeared to be completely unused. [REDACTED] the activity level was very high. In [REDACTED] from 40 to 50 unidentified vehicles were discernible in Area J2 and tents were discernible in Areas D1 and D2, although a large portion of those 2 areas is obscured by trees. Except for seasonal changes in activity, the training area has remained relatively unchanged [REDACTED]

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DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Road Service

A first class, all-weather road extends along the entire eastern edge of the training area. Secondary roads connect the training area facilities with the main road and numerous trails and vehicle tracks are visible within the training area. The main road continues north to Krasnodar.

Administrative and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 contains 4 multistory barracks, 1 T-shaped multistory administration building, 1 general storage building, approximately 100 tent bases, and 5 support buildings.

Area D2 contains 1 T-shaped administration building, approximately 600 tent bases (exact count is not possible because of trees in the area), and 25 support buildings.

POL Storage Area

The training area is adjacent to an extensive oil field. Numerous POL storage tanks are in the vicinity.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas

Area J1 contains a vehicle maintenance area 400 by 300 feet, 1 vehicle storage building 200 by 50 feet, and 2 vehicle maintenance buildings 25 by 50 feet. The area provides direct support for the tank firing range.

Area J2 is a vehicle park 6,000 by 300 feet. This area is used as a vehicle park only. No maintenance facilities are evident.

Athletic Fields

Areas K1 and K2 are athletic fields with oval exercise tracks.

Small-Arms Firing Range

Area L is a possible small-arms firing range measuring 600 by 400 feet.

Driver-Training Area

Area M is a large, irregular-shaped closed-loop driver-training course.

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Tank/Assault-Gun Firing Range

Area N is a 4,250-foot tank/assault-gun firing range with approximately six 2,300-foot lanes, a moving target track perpendicular to the firing lanes, and 3 moving target tracks almost in line with the firing lanes. The firing lanes are not clearly defined. The left edge of the range is probably used for stationary direct fire.

Flat Trajectory Firing Ranges

Area P1 is approximately 6,000 feet long. Track activity in this area is very faint although a firing line and range control facilities are clearly evident. No targets are apparent. The exact nature of the firing is undetermined.

Area P2 is approximately 1,300 feet long. This facility consists of 2 rectangular cleared areas--one is the firing area with a firing line and range control facilities; and the other is probably the impact area, although no targets are visible.

Artillery Emplacements (Batteries)

Area Q1 contains earth revetments with 14-18 emplacements.

Area Q2 is an impact area approximately 9,000 yards northwest of Area Q1.

Infantry Field Training Area

Area R is not clearly defined, but the tracks, foot trails, and scarring indicate an infantry maneuver area.

Unidentified Facilities or Tracking Activity

Area T1 contains a loop road and a clearing--indicating some type of military activity.

Area T2 contains a loop road and a clearing--indicating some type of military activity.

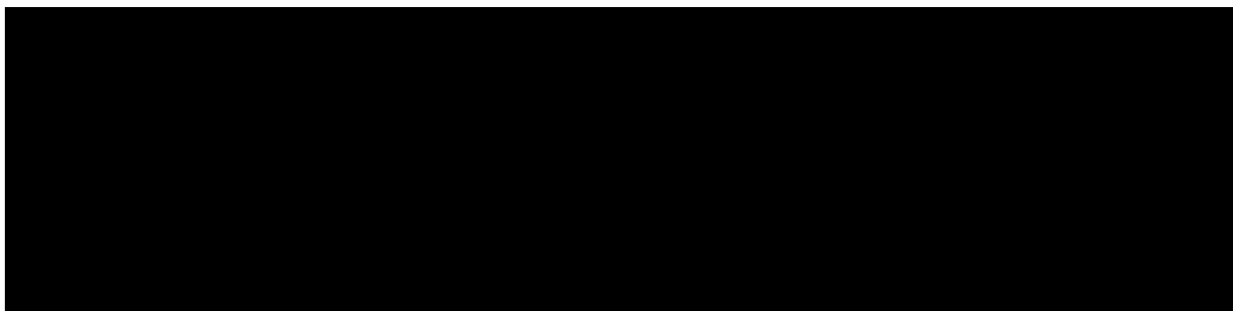
Area T3 is probably a firing range, but the exact type cannot be determined.

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REFERENCES



MAPS OR CHARTS

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REQUIREMENTS

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